

ANGUS COUNCIL

RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 21 January 1999
PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - 28 January 1998

ANGUS MILLENNIUM FOREST UPDATE

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES IN CONSULTATION
WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

ABSTRACT

To update Committee on the funding arrangements and progress of the project.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Committee

1. note the confirmation of the external funding package
2. remit to the Convener of Recreation and Cultural Services in his capacity as Chairman of the Arbroath Quatro Centenary Committee to liaise with the Director of Recreation Services in the naming and adoption of one of the woodlands by the Arbroath Quatro Centenary Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

In June 1998 the Recreation and Cultural Services and Planning and Transport Committee approved the three year Angus Millennium Project, Report No. 581/98 refers, and the contributions by Angus Council. The Directors were asked to report back to Committee on the project and funding package in due course.

The contributions for the entire project have now been confirmed by:-

• The Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust	£160,000
• The Angus Environment Trust	£60,000
• Forestry Authority for Phase 1	£32,292
• Scottish Natural Heritage (at local level)	£40,000

Full approval from SNH is expected in January.

In October 1998, the Recreation and Cultural Services and Planning and Transport Committees, Report No. 1027/98, approval was given to seek tenders for Phase 1 (Arbroath) and to carry out public consultation on Phase 1.

Consultation in Arbroath was based on an introduction at the Area Forum followed by an exhibition in Arbroath Library and a public meeting with individual follow up meetings where appropriate. This format proved to be successful in promoting debate and participation. Given its success it is proposed to continue in this manner for the remaining 6 burghs over the next year.

As the first phase of the project begins in Arbroath in its 400th year, it is proposed that one of the new native woodlands in Arbroath is “adopted” by Quatro Centenary and appropriately named with the accompanying signage.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional financial implications to the Council at this time.

4. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law and Administration and Director of Planning & Transport have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.